

DESIGNERS SECTION
Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Geologists,
Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors
MINUTES
MADISON, WISCONSIN
DECEMBER 10, 1998

PRESENT: Clint McCullough, James Dorn, Dean Field, Donna Rozar

EXCUSED: Bonnie Creighton

STAFF PRESENT: Alfred Hall, Jan Bobholz and Marlene Cummings were present for portions of the meeting.

GUESTS: None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Clint McCullough, Chair. A quorum of four members were present.

AGENDA

MOTION: James Dorn moved, seconded by Donna Rozar, to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES (7/16/98)

MOTION: Dean Field moved, seconded by Donna Rozar, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Secretary Cummings' Report

Secretary Marlene Cummings informed the Section about the biennial budget and that renewal fees will increase \$8.00, and that the Department is working towards developing standard procedures relating to continuing education for those boards which have such requirements. She also informed the Section that Pat McCormack would be leaving the Department to accept a position with the Public Service Commission.

Bureau Director's Report

• **Designers Section Roster**

Alfred Hall informed the Section that, due to family concerns, Bonnie Creighton will be resigning as a public member.

1999 Meeting Dates

The Section approved the 1999 meeting dates, as printed. Clint McCullough and Donna Rozar will serve on the screening panel.

- **Regulatory Digest**

- The Section discussed the idea of continuing education.

- **Delegation of Application Approval**

The Section was informed that the following applicants were issued a credential, based upon Staff Delegation:

PERMIT AS A DESIGNER OF ENGINEERING SYSTEMS

1. By Master Plumber Provision -- ss. 443.07(4), Stats.

a. Approved - 3

MNUK, PHILIP L - (10/14/98)

PLUMBING

PRESNAL, STEVEN D - (10/14/98)

PLUMBING

STREHLOW, JON L (11/06/98)

PLUMBING

- **To Pass Folder**

Nothing to report.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

1999 Bill (LRB-0734/1)

The Section received a copy of a 1999 bill draft (LRB-0734/1) relating to qualifications for registration as an architect or landscape architect and qualification for a permit as a designer of engineering systems. It was determined at the Joint Board that each section would introduce their portion of the bill as a separate bill with rationale why the change is needed.

A summary of each section of the proposed legislation and the Section's rationale for each follows:

- Section Five -- reduces the permit experience requirement from eight to six years. The Section believes that the permit examination with six years of experience meets the minimum competency standard that is consistent with the protection of health, safety and welfare of the citizenry of Wisconsin.
- Section Six -- proposes to repeal obtaining a permit by experience only. Currently an applicant could obtain a permit by being at least 35 years old and having 12 years of experience in Wisconsin actively engaged in the preparation of plans, specifications, designs and layouts. The Section and the citizenry of Wisconsin would have to presume that the applicant has obtained the skills and knowledge required to perform to level of minimum competence. It is the Section's concern that this section was at a time when designer of engineering systems was not as comprehensive as it is now. The Section believes that just experience does not provide evidence of minimum competence and that requiring an examination is essential determinant of the protection of the public.
- Section Seven -- proposed to increase from two years to three years the amount of experience that an applicant may receive for academic work

without graduation. The Section believes that academic work should be granted credit as experience.

- Sections Eight and Nine -- proposed to repeal the reference to "subfield" in the statutes. The Section decided to retain the subfield language in response to opposition to its removal from the administrative rules.

MOTION: James Dorn moved, seconded by Donna Rozar, approve revising the draft to retain sections five, six and seven and delete sections eight and nine. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES UPDATE

Nothing to report.

EXAMINATION ISSUES

Nothing to report.

SECTION MEMBER ACTIVITY

Clint McCullough informed the Section that he was unable to attend the meeting on December 4, 1998 with the Department of Commerce to discuss electronic transfer of plans.

PRACTICE ISSUES

Section was informed that members should contact Alfred Hall if they receive questions to interpret statutes or administrative codes.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION

The Section held discussion on issuance of permit as a designer of engineering systems to a master plumber versus issuance of a permit to a master electrician. Ms. Rozar had been contacted by an applicant who told her that it was discriminatory that a master plumber meets the requirements for a designer of engineering systems and a master electrician is not. Mr. Field explained that an electrician could take the masters plumbers examination without any experience. Therefore the Section would have to check each candidate's application to make sure they have performed the experience requirements. for any could be automatically award a masters Section determined that a master's plumbers apprenticeship program required six years of experience

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Donna Rozar moved, seconded by James Dorn, to convene the meeting in Closed Session pursuant to sections 19.85(1)(a), (b) and (f), Wis. Stats.: to consider the licensing or discipline of a person licensed by this section or the investigation of charges against such a person. Specifically, to discuss the issue of case status reports, case closings, examination issues, deliberations on stipulations that may be signed after printing of the agenda and pending applications, Motion carried by a roll call vote: Clint McCullough - yes, James Dorn-yes; Dean Field-yes; Donna Rozar-yes.

Open Session recessed at 11:12 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Section received a copy of the Division of Enforcement Case Status Report.

The Section deliberated on pending applications.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Motion to reconvene in Open Session by consensus at 12:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION

APPLICATION REVIEW

MOTION: James Dorn moved, seconded by Dean Field, to approve the following applications reviewed by the Section on December 10, 1998. Motion carried unanimously.

FOR REGISTRATION AS A DESIGNER OF ENGINEERING SYSTEMS

1. By Written Examination -- ss. 443.07(1)(a), Stats.

a. Approved - 4

HERBERT, DAVID E
LINDNER, DAVID E
PALMER, MARK H
URLAUB, JEFF A

PLUMBING
PRIVATE SEWAGE SYSTEMS
PRIVATE SEWAGE SYSTEMS
HVAC

MOTION: Donna Rozar moved, seconded by James Dorn, to approve the following applications reviewed by the Section on December 10, 1998. Motion carried unanimously.

FOR REGISTRATION AS A DESIGNER OF ENGINEERING SYSTEMS

2. By Experience Provision -- ss. 443.07(1)(b), Stats.

a. Approved - 11

ALEX, GEORGE V
BEALHEN, MARK P
CLANCY, PATRICK J
DAVIES, LAURENCE E
GOHR, PAUL F
LEBERFING, MICHAEL J
LEE, GERRY S
PHILLIPS, DAVID C
REITER, CHARLES HOWARD
RICHARDSON, RICK L
RUSTICK, DANIEL C

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MOTION: Donna Rozar moved, seconded by James Dorn, to table the application and ask for more information from ROBERT C WUNDROCK. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dean Field moved, seconded by James Dorn, to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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